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To: Steve Fetter, Dean, School of Public Policy
From: Kenneth G. Holum, Chair, University Senate 
Subject: Eligibility of Professors of the Practice to Serve as Faculty Senate
Representatives.

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) reviewed your request to allow Professors of the Practice to serve as faculty representatives in the Senate. The SEC referred the matter to the Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) committee for advisory input. After review of the ERG committee's report, the SEC has interpreted the wording of the Senate Plan of Organization. This states:

3.2.a. Faculty constituents are defined as:

- (1) those who hold a full-time tenured or tenure-track appointment at the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or a rank recognized as equivalent to these,

The SEC finds that the title Professor of the Practice is indeed "equivalent" to tenure-track/tenured faculty in terms of eligibility to serve as a Faculty Senator. Since the number of individuals that hold this rank is small throughout the campus, the SEC does not believe that this interpretation will affect the apportionment of faculty Senators for each college. Therefore, you may include anyone with the title of Professor of the Practice in your pool of eligible candidates to be elected to serve as a faculty senator for the upcoming year.

If you have any questions, regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Reka Montfort, (reka@umd.edu).

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